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### Citrus

## Recommended Chemical limits & Restrictions for plant protection products

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**Report Highlights:**

In January 2007, South Africa's citrus industry released the updated recommended chemical application and maximum residue limits for citrus produced in South Africa. Plant protection and consumption limits for locally sold, exported, and imported citrus products are regulated under Agricultural department's plant protection Act of 1947.

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## Restrictions and recommended chemical limits for citrus plants in South and Southern Africa

South Africa's plant protection Act no. 36 of 1947 regulates the compliance of maximum residue limits of registered chemical products on all exports, imports and local citrus products. For the purpose of this report, regulations specified below are mainly for imported and locally produced and consumed citrus products.

The South African Act (1947) requires the product labels to specify the withholding period for the plant protection treatment that will conform to the residue limits. The restrictions apply to trees with fruit, between blossoming and harvest. For example, plant protection products for lemons, which have a multiple fruit setting patterns, may only be used as specified during the first spring blossoming and fruit setting period.

Pesticides used to protect trees with later fruit settings should not result in unexpected residues on fruit on earlier fruit setting trees. The restrictions specified for those trees should be applied in addition to the current label requirements, at the period between harvest and the onset of blossoming.

| South Africa's new MRL & PHI changes |              |                                    |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Active                               | Previous MRL | New MRL                            | PHI Changes<br>(Effective 21 April 2007) |
| Crypogran                            | -            | No MRL*                            | 0 PHI as registered                      |
| Dimethyl Didecylammonium             | -            | 2.0                                | Post harvest as registered               |
| Fenpropathrin                        | 0.5          | 0.01<br>(General Export Tolerance) | 185 PHI as registered                    |
| Gibberellic Acid                     | -            | 0.2                                | 15 PHI as registered                     |
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Source: CGA

PHI = Pre-harvest Interval

\*=No MRL, but fruit must be free from detectable residue

| CHEMICAL                  | RESIDUE TOLERANCE LIMITS |  |                              |                                   |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                           | South Africa             | U.S.                                       | CODEX                        | GENERAL EXPORT                    |
| Acetamiprid               | 0.5                      | 0.5  | No MRL*                      | 0.2                               |
| Aldicarb                  | 0.2                      | No MRL<br>(mandarins)<br>0.3(other citrus) | 0.2                          | 0.2                               |
| Amitraz                   | 0.2                      | No MRL                                     | 0.5(oranges, sweet/<br>sour) | 0.05                              |
| Avermectin                | 0.01                     | 0.02                                       | 0.01                         | 0.01                              |
| Azinphos-methyl           | 2.0                      | No MRL                                     | 1.0                          | 1.0                               |
| Azoxystrobin              | 0.5                      | 10.0                                       | No MRL                       | 0.5                               |
| Bromopropylate            | 3.0                      | No MRL                                     | 2.0                          | 2.0                               |
| Buprofezin                | 0.05                     | 2.5  | 0.5(oranges, sweet/<br>sour) | 0.01                              |
| Cadusafos                 | 0.05                     | No MRL                                     | No MRL                       | 0.01                              |
| Carbendazim               | 5.0                      | 10.0                                       | No MRL                       | 0.01                              |
| Chinomethionat            | 0.5                      | No MRL                                     | No MRL                       | 0.3                               |
| Chlorfenapyr              | 0.01                     | 0.01                                       | No MRL                       | 0.01                              |
| Chlorpyrifos              | 0.3                      | 1.0  | 1.0                          | 0.3(other citrus),<br>0.2(lemons) |
| Copper                    | 20.0                     | Exempt                                     | No MRL                       | 30.0                              |
| Cryptogran                | No MRL                   | No MRL                                     | No MRL                       | No MRL                            |
| Cyhexatin<br>(Azocytotin) | 2.0                      | Not allowed,<br>0.1(summer                 | 2.0                          | 0.2                               |

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|   |             | orange, pulp) |   |  |
| Cypermethrin                                      | 0.2         | No MRL        | 2.0   | 0.2  |
| Dichlorprop                                       | No MRL      | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.05   |
| Dicofol   | 5.0         | 10.0          | 5.0   | 2.0  |
| Difenoconazole                                    | 0.05        | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Dimethoate  | 2.0         | 2.0           | 2.0   | 0.02   |
| Dimethyl<br>Didecylammonium<br>Chloride/Sporekill | 2.0         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.01   |
| Dithiocarbamate                                   | 3.0         | No MRL        | 2.0(Oranges, sweet,<br>sour)<br>10.0(Mandarins) | 3.0  |
| Endosulfan  | 1.0         | No MRL        | 0.5   | 0.5<br>0.05(effective 12/30/2006)                                |
| Ethoprophos                                       | 0.05        | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.01   |
| Fenamiphos  | 0.05        | 0.6           | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Fenazaquin  | 0.05        | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.05   |
| Fenbutatin-oxide<br>(Hexakis)                     | 1.0         | 20.0          | 5.0   | 1.0  |
| Fenpropathrin                                     | 0.5         | 2.0           | No MRL  | 0.01   |
| Fipronil  | 0.05        | None          | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Formetanate                                       | 0.5         | 4.0           | No MRL  | 0.05   |
| Fosetyl-AL  | 15.0        | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.2  |
| Fosthiazate                                       | 0.1         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.01   |
| Gibberellic Acid                                  | 0.2         | Exempt        | No MRL  | 0.01   |
| Guazatine   | 5.0         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 5.0  |
| Imazalil(Chloramizol)                             | 5.0         | 10.0          | 5.0   | 5.0  |
| Imidacloprid                                      | 0.5         | 0.7           | 1.0   | 0.5  |
| Iprodione   | 1.0         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 1.0 (lemons, clementines &<br>Mandarins),<br>0.02 (other citrus) |
| Isazophos   | 0.02        | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Isofenphos  | 0.2         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.05   |
| Kresoxim-methyl                                   | 0.5         | No MRL        | 0.5(grapefruit,<br>oranges, & pommelos)         | 0.05   |
| Mercaptothion                                     | 4.0         | 8.0           | 4.0   | 2.0  |
| Metataxyl M<br>(Mefenoxam)                        | 0.5         | 1.0           | 5.0   | 0.5  |
| Methamidophos                                     | 0.2         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.01   |
| Methidathion                                      | 2.0         | 2.0           | 2.0   | 2.0  |
| Methiocarb  | 0.1         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.05   |
| Methomyl(Thiodicarb)                              | 0.2         | 2.0           | 1.0   | 0.5  |
| Methyl-parathion                                  | 1.0         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Mevinphos   | 0.1         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.1  |
| Monocrotophos                                     | Not allowed | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.05 on Southern African fruit                                   |
| Omethoate   | 2.0         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Parathion   | 0.5         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.05   |
| Phenthoate  | 1.0         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.01   |
| Permethrin  | 0.01        | No MRL        | 0.5   | 0.01   |
| Phosphorus acid                                   | 50.0        | Exempt        | No MRL  | 0.2  |
| Pirimicarb  | 0.5         | None          | 0.05,<br>0.5(Oranges, sweet/sour)               | 0.05   |
| Paecilomyces<br>Ilacinus                          | No MRL      | No MRL        | No MRL  | No MRL   |
| Prochloraz  | 2.0         | No MRL        | 5.0 (Oranges,<br>sweet/sour)                    | 2.0  |
| Procymidone                                       | 0.2         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Profenofos  | 1.0         | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.05   |
| Propargite  | 2.0         | 5.0(6         | 3.0   | 2.0  |
| Prothiofos  | 0.05        | No MRL        | No MRL  | 0.02   |
| Pyraclostrobin                                    | 0.1         | 2.0           | No MRL  | 0.05,<br>1.0 (04/21/2007)  |
| Pyriproxyfen                                      | 0.2         | 0.3           | 0.5   | 0.01   |
| SOPP  | 10.0        | 10.0          | 10.0  | 10.0   |
| Spinosad  | 0.05        | 0.3           | 0.3   | 0.01   |

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| Spirodiclofen            | 0.01 | 0.5    | No MRL | 0.02 |
| Tartar emetic (Antimony) | 3.0  | No MRL | No MRL | 1.0  |
| Tau-Fluvalinate          | 1.0  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.05 |
| Tebuconazole             | 0.02 | No MRL | No MRL | 0.05 |
| Teflubenzuron            | 0.5  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.05 |
| Temephos                 | 1.0  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.01 |
| Terbufos                 | 0.1  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.01 |
| Tetradifon               | 5.0  | No MRL | No MRL | 1.0  |
| Thiabendazole            | 6.0  | 10.0   | 10.0   | 5.0  |
| Thiaclopid               |      | No MRL | No MRL | 0.02 |
| Thiophanate-Methyl       | 5.0  | 10.0   | No MRL | 0.01 |
| Triazophos               | 2.0  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.02 |
| Trichlorfon              | 0.1  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.1  |
| Trifloxystrobin          | 0.1  | 0.3    | No MRL | 0.3  |
| Triflumuron              | 0.5  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.01 |
| 2,4-D                    | 2.0  | 5.0    | 1.0    | 1.0  |
| 3,5,6,TPA                | 0.1  | No MRL | No MRL | 0.05 |

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| <b>Southern Africa's product restrictions for citrus trees as compared to the U.S. and Codex (as registered)</b> |   |                               |                            |
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| <b>PRODUCT</b>   | <b>Southern African markets</b>                     | <b>U.S.</b>                   | <b>Codex</b>               |
|  | <b>Restrictions</b>                                 |                               |                            |
| Acetamiprid/Mospilan   | 150d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Aldicarb/Temik   | 100d PHI for lemons, 150d PHI others                | 180d PHI for mandarins        | No additional restrictions |
| Amitraz/Mitac  | Not later than 90% petal fall                       | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Avermectin/Agrimec   | 7d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Azinphos-methyl/Gusation   | 120d PHI  | Not later than 90% petal fall | No additional restrictions |
| Azoxystrobin/Ortiva  | 77d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Bromppropylate/Acarol  | 21d PHI   | Not later than 90% petal fall | No additional restrictions |
| Buprofezin/Applaud   | Not later than 90% petal fall                       | 45d PHI                       | 45D for Oranges            |
| Cadusaphos/Rugby   | 0d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Carberndazim (Basvistin, Bendazid, Knowin, Benomyl, Spotless   | Not later than 90% petal fall                       | 14dPHI                        | No additional restrictions |
| Chlorfenapyr/Hunter  | Before calyx closure (about 3 wks after petal fall) | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Chlorpyrifos/Dursban   | 60d PHI for sprays, 0d PHI for soil&stems           | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Copper   | 14d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Cryptogran   | 0d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions |
| Cyhexatin (Azocyclotin)/Sipcatin   | To be used only after harvest & before blossom      | Not permitted                 | No additional restrictions |
| Cypermethrin   | 28d   | Not later than 90% petal fall | No additional restrictions |

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| Dichlorprop/Corasil E                          | 150d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Dicofol/Kelthane                               | 14d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Difenoconazole/Score                           | Not later than 90% petal fall   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Dimethoate/Rogor                               | Not later than 50% petal fall for sprays,<br>Not later than white bud stage for soil applications                                 | 42d PHI                       | 42d PHI                       |
| Dimethyl Didecylammonium Chloride/Sporekill    | Post harvest  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Dithiocarbamates(Mancozeb/Maneb)               | 21d PHI   | Not later than 90% petal fall | No additional restrictions    |
| Endosulfan/Thiodan                             | Not later than 90% petal fall   | Not later than 90% petal fall | 28d PHI                       |
| Ethoprophos/MOCAP                              | 0d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Fenamiphos/Nemacur                             | 150d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Fenazaquin                                     | 56d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Fenbutatin-oxide/Torque                        | 7d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Fenpropathrin/Meothrin                         | 185d PHI  | 28d PHI                       | No additional restrictions    |
| Fenpropathri+Phenthoate/Meothrin+Elsan         | Not later than 90% petal fall   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Fiproni/Regent                                 | Before calyx closure (about 3wks after petal fall)  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Formetanate/Dicarzol                           | 90d PHI, only 25g Dicarzol+200g sugar per 100 litres as a bait spray, up to three times between petal fall and the end of January | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Fosetyl-Al/Aliette                             | 0d  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Fosthiazate/Nemathorin                         | 43d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Gibberellic Acid                               | 15d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Guazatine                                      | Post-harvest  | Not permitted                 | Not permitted                 |
| Imazalil(Chloramizol)                          | Post-harvest  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Imidacloprid/Confidor                          | 212d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Iprodione/Rovral(Dicarboxamil)                 | 115d for lemons& soft citrus,<br>Not later than 90% petal fall for others   | Not later than 90% petal fall | Not later than 90% petal fall |
| Isazophos/Miral                                | 56dPHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Kresoxim-methyl/Stroby                         | Not later than 90% petal fall   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Mercaptothion/Malathion(fruitfly baiting only) | 7d PHI  | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Metalaxyl M/Ridomil Gold                       | 30d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Methamidophos/Citrimet                         | 60d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |
| Methidathion/Ultracide                         | 56d PHI   | No additional restrictions    | No additional restrictions    |

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| Methiocarb/MesuroI           | Not later than end of January  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Methomyl(thiodicarb)/Lannate | 28d PHI  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Methyl-parathion/PennCap     | Not later than 50% petal fall  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Mevinphos                    | 3d PHI & 28 PHI  | 28 PHI   | 28PHI                      |
| Monocrotophos/Azodrin        | Not permitted in South Africa, 90d PHI in Southern Africa                              | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Omethoate/Folimat            | Once /season, not after 1 <sup>st</sup> wk of December                                 | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Paecilomyces lilacinus/PL+   | 0d PHI   | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Parathion                    | Not later than 50% petal fall  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Permethrin/Last Call         | 0d PHI   | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Phenthoate/Elsan             | Not later than 90% petal fall  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Phosphorus acid              | 0d PHI, 14d PHI, 28d   | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Pirimicarb/Aphox             | Not later than 90% petal fall  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Prochloraz                   | Post-Harvest   | Not permitted  | No additional restrictions |
| Profenofos/Selecron          | 100ml/100ml water. Apply once between blossom&harvest & not later than 90% petal fall. | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Propargite/Omite             | 14d PHI  | Not later than 90% petal fall for soft citrus, No additional restrictions for others | No additional restrictions |
| Prothiofos/Tokuthion         | Apply once between blossom&harvest & not later than 90% petal fall                     | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Pyraclostrobin/Cabrio        | 82d PHI  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Pyriproxyfen/Nemesis         | 120D phi   | 60d PHI  | No additional restrictions |
| Sodium ortho-phenylphenol    | Post harvest   | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Spinosad/Tracer, GF120       | 1d PHI for fruit baiting (GF120), 28d PHI for other applications (Tracer)              | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Spirodiclofen/Envidor        | Not later than mid-January   | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Tartar emetic/Tartox         | 30d PHI  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Tau-fluvalinate/Klartan      | Not later than mid-November  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Tebuconazole/Folicur         | Not later than 90% petal fall  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Teflubenzuron/Nomolt         | Not later than 90% petal fall  | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Temephos/Abate               | 200d PHI   | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |
| Terbufos/AC92-100/Counter    | 30d PHI between December & April   | No additional restrictions   | No additional restrictions |

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|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Tetradifon/Tedion         | 15d PHI   | No additional restrictions | No additional restrictions                |
| Thiabendazole             | Post-harvest  | Not permitted              | Not later than 90% petal fall             |
| Thiacloprid/Calypso       | No later than 3wks after petal fall                               | No additional restrictions | No additional restrictions                |
| Thiophanate-methyl/Topsin | Not later than 90% petal fall                                     | 14d PHI                    | No additional restrictions                |
| Trichlorfon/Dipterex      | 10d PHI   | 28d PHI                    | 28d PHI                                   |
| Trifloxystrobin/Flint     | 76d PHI,  | No additional restrictions | On Valencias only, not later than January |
| Triflumuron/Alsystin      | Not later than 90% petal fall                                     | Post harvest               | No additional restrictions                |
| 2,4-D                     | 250ppm in packhouse treatment,<br>250ppm in pre-degreasing drench | Post harvest               | No additional restrictions                |
| 3.5.6 TPA/Maxim           | 120d PHI  | No additional restrictions | No additional restrictions                |

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For additional information about restrictions for other destination markets for South African products, please visit:  
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